REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following remarks. For the reasons set forth below, Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention is allowable over the cited references.

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1-3, 5, and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over admitted prior art in view of Dent et al. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over admitted prior art in view of Dent et al. and Smith et al. Claim 6 has been indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

Applicants have amended claims 1, 3-5, and 7, canceled claims 2 and 6, and added new claims 8-20. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 3-5, and 7-20 are allowable over the cited references. Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

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